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I am before you opposing the legislation criminalizing physicians who participate in right to die. Having attended and spoken in support of the Baxter Law, I address you and the afore mentioned legislation as a freedom issue. Other voices have spoken on behalf of the social, family and personal values the law scours. The testimony that I have heard at this legislative session has drawn me to consider the structure of the legal framework by which our nation abides. I find virtue and fortitude in the founding documents of our nation affirming basic rights of the American people.

Thomas Jefferson attested our endowment to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. The genius of James Madison crafted the Bill of Rights in 1789 on their premise. The first amendment held that congress make no law respecting an establishment of religion or PROHIBITING an establishment of religion. I opine today that we address a liberty issue as well and that being to respect an establishment of right to die or PROHIBITING a right to die. We will in future as a nation fortify and affirm the right though many of our citizens will be unable to realize the beneficence unless our legislature presently continue to respect our liberty right. We are presently facing a clandestine act of artifice that thwarts a freedom right enacted several years ago in the fine example by our citizens to assure free thought, free choice and freedom to act.

I argue that this attack upon physician practice and our physician community be respectfully allowed a quiet demise it deserves.